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Government, Its Use and Abuses

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In our previous article we dealt with the divine origin of government. Here let us continue it under the following facts:

1. If government was "set in the church" by God, then both its origin and purpose is divine and our authority for the use of it today is also divine.

2. Not only do we find it of divine origin but by manipulation of that principle we find its approval, continuance, and perpetuation within the Church evidenced by divine authority throughout. It, therefore, has the approval and stamp of God upon it.

(a) In Acts 14:23 we have it "and when they had ordained them elders in every church," also in Titus 1:5 we have it "ordain elders in every city." The manner of ordainment in Acts 14:23 in some sense differs from the "ordination" of the twelve mentioned in John 15:16. Elders ordained by the church had merely the selection and approval of the church as their authority. The Greek word used for ordainment here is "cheirotoneantes" which means to stretch out the hands or to point with the hand, possibly a vote or sanction of the Church given to those who were selected to fill the office of elder. In Titus 1:5 it comes from "katastasis" which means an appointing, establishing, an appointment, institution; (2) to

bring before an assembly, a presentation. Both the above scriptures refer to the method of selection by the church. Such elders received their divine "ordination" in their ministerial call and qualifications from God. 1. It was the duty of God to call and qualify all ministers. 2. It was the duty of the church to institute or recognize them by putting them into their divinely appointed places. This was also true of the first missionary sent, Acts 13:2. We must, however, recognize that the first elders of the church, who received their ordainment and appointment from the Lord Himself, were not selected by the church, as were elders, bishops, and overseers of later years. These latter must, however, receive their divine and original appointment from God, but sanctioned by the Church.

Number and Rank

1. The number of apostles, who were also elders, was twelve, perhaps a representative number of the tribes of Israel. Dr. E. W. Bullinger, in his "Number in Scripture" has the following to say concerning the number twelve: "It is a perfect number, signifying perfection of government or of governmental perfection. It is found as a multiple in all that has to do with rule. The sun which 'rules' the day and the moon and stars

which 'govern' the night do so by their passage through the twelve signs of the Zodiac which complete the great circle of the heavens of 360 (12x30) degrees or divisions, and thus govern the year." Thus twelve is originally found associated with the divine principle of government in the universe.

In Revelation 14:1 the twelve tribes of Israel, who were mentioned as sealed in Rev. 7:1, and twelve thousand of each are seen standing with the Lamb on Mt. Zion. These are the firstfruits unto God and the Lamb. Thus the twelve tribes and twelve thousand of each form a foundation number of the kingdom of Israel over which Christ shall reign as King. The institution of the Kingdom is itself also found to be a multiple of twelve. Contrast this number with Eph. 2:20 where the foundation of the church is mentioned and note that James has called the church in Jas. 1:18 "a kind of firstfruits" and leaves the idea that it differs from the firstfruits mentioned in Rev. 14:4. It is particularly significant that the patriarchal government of the kingdom of Israel was first ministered upon the seed of the twelve patriarchs whose seed were to inherit and rule the world. Therefore we find the number twelve associated with both Old and New Testament institutions as governmental factors, which traces itself through into

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NOTICES

We are having some inquiries as to why the General Assembly is to be held in Chattanooga this year.

Last year our Auditorium here in Cleveland was packed to the limit and thousands were turned away. Feeling assured that, with the improvement in financial conditions and the rapid increase in membership the Church is having, there would be a much larger crowd this year, the management felt that it would be almost impossible to have another Assembly in this building without spending quite a bit of money for alterations. This they did not like to do without the consent of the Assembly, more especially right at this time when it looks like the Church is going to pay completely out of debt. Come on, everybody, with your 40c per member drive and we can pay all we owe by the Assembly and then we can plan for the future.—The Committee.

The Pensacola district convention will convene at Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 17-19 inclusive. All the ministers on the district please be present, especially those who want papers to preach. We will expect all the Sunday School superintendents to be present with a report of their Sunday School and to give a talk in regards to the Sunday School. There will be all-day services and dinner at the church, 2 South Tenth Avenue, Pensacola, Fla. We invite ministers and Sunday School workers and visitors from other districts to come and be with us. Come praying that the Lord will bless in a mighty way. Bring a well-filled basket. Our state overseer, Brother E. W. Williams, will be in charge. Come and enjoy a great feast from the Lord.—John H. Jones, district pastor.

The Virginia state camp meeting will convene at Pulaski, Va., July 26-Aug. 5, I. H. Brabson in charge. Everybody bring your tents and come prepared to camp. If you do not have a tent bring plenty of quilts.—Yours very truly, I. H. Brabson, overseer of Virginia.

The Virginia state Sunday School convention for the eastern part of the state will convene at Schoolfield, Va., Aug. 11 and 12, with J. H. Daniels, state superintendent, in charge. I have changed

the date of this convention from Aug. 4, as was previously announced, to the 12th so it will not conflict with our camp meeting.—I. H. Brabson, state overseer.

The clerk of the church at Great Falls, S. C. is changed from L. H. Henson to L. C. Self, Box 558, Great Falls, S. C.

To the Church of God in the Cleveland, Miss. district and all who may read this: You are heartily invited to be at Moorhead church the first Sunday in August for a home coming. Our district overseer, Brother O. J. Plake, will be in charge. Let's show him we love him by our presence on this date. Brother McClendon may be with us too. Everybody come and bring a well-filled basket and God will surely bless.—Pastor, J. D. Taylor.

Home coming day will be observed July 29 at the Ramsey church. Ramsey is located two miles east of Norton, Va. on highway. There will be all-day service with spread dinner on the grounds. A cordial invitation is extended all churches and friends in reach to attend this feast. Bring your music and a well-filled basket. Join us in prayer for a victorious day.—Belt Redman, pastor; P. W. Hadsock, district overseer.

VALUABLE PREMIUM

During the months of July, August, and September we will give to the individual who solicits and sends us the greatest number of yearly subscriptions to the Evangel at a rate of \$1.00 each, one set of Matthew Henry's Commentary. This valuable set consists of six large volumes edited by the well known Matthew Henry who has been reckoned as one of the world's greatest expositors for now 225 years. It is bound in durable fabrikoid leather, new stock. Hurry or somebody will beat you! There are several pastors who can secure one hundred subscriptions in their own church if they will do it, and if any two will do that, or as many as will, I will give each one a set of these commentaries.

Any one having a gospel tent and wishes to sell it at or near the Assembly for cash, please write me at once your plans.—R. L. Rexrode, Lead Mine, W. Va.

To the Church of God on the Logan district: There will be home coming at Mallory, W. Va., Sunday, Aug. 5. All ministers are expected to leave off all their other services and attend this meeting. Come, one and all, and bring a full basket. We are expecting a great time in the Lord.—E. H. Bowen, district overseer.

To whom it may concern: Since my brother, Sam Swaggerty, has joined the Tomlinson church there has been a rumor started that Claude and I would soon follow him, but it is untrue. We will never join the Tomlinson church. I am well satisfied in the Church of God. I have never belonged to any other church and never expect to for I love the Church of God. I could not love Jesus without loving the Church of God for Jesus said He purchased the Church with His own blood. Because my brother left the church I am not shaken. I have been in the Church about twenty years and this is not the first thing that has come up since I have been a member. I was a member of the Church at Ridge-dale, Tenn. when J. L. Scott was pastor and it all belonged to the Church of God. We loved him as a pastor but when he pulled off from the Church we loved the Church of God best. We were also in the Church when the Tomlinson split came and we didn't know anything else to do but to pray and stay close to God and trust in Him to lead us and He has led us thru all these storms and kept us in the Church of God. Besides all this, He has blessed us so many times in the Church of God and healed our bodies so many times. Oh, praise the Lord for the Church of God! I expect to bleach my bones on the mountain side or in the valley for God and His Church and I believe when He comes back He will give us a reward. We now have our tent at Graysville, Tenn. Pray for us.—Your brother, Frank Swaggerty, 2136 E. 27th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Church of God at Graves Chapel wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of
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BERLIN, May 10. (AP).—The belief that Jesus has become powerful among the Germans because of Adolf Hitler, has been advanced by Nazi German Christians of Brunswick. In their official organ, the Brunswick Protestant Nazis put forward the following thesis: "In Hitler, time has been fulfilled for the German people, for Christ, who is God's helper and Saviour, has through Hitler become powerful among us.

"Hence, Naziism has a positive Christianity of deeds. Hitler is now the way of the Spirit and the will of God leading to the Christian Church of German Nations."

The above statement is extremely surprising from any Christian people. It expresses profound ignorance of God's plan for and His manner of dealing with His people. The injuries done by Hitler to the Jewish people forever set aside any possibilities of his having any spiritual relationship with Christ, the Jewish Messiah. To offer such praise in the name of Christianity is blasphemy, pure and simple.

The preaching of hell-fire is no longer popular with some folks, and it is no wonder when we find so many people's tongues that are affected with it. Oh how we ought to guard our conversation! We should not only refrain from originating some depreciatory gossip but refuse to repeat or even encourage such by listening to it. Thus we could do much to keep the "fire of hell" from spreading. Read Jas. 3:5, 6; Rom. 6:13, 16; Ps. 15:3. Tattling, backbiting, fault-

finding and criticizing are not among the "fruits of the Spirit."

The Zionists are now looking for the appearance of a superman. Dr. Nahum Sokolow, newly elected president of the World Zionist Congress, is quoted as saying some spiritual leader will be found "who will be the idealist for humanity" and that "Palestine will become the spiritual inspiration for all the world as it was intended to be." It looks like we are ready for the fulfillment of the prophecy of Jesus, "Another shall come in his own name, him ye (Jews) will receive."

It is said that there are no less than a half dozen temples for devil

worship in the United States, to say nothing of the ones in other nations. Just think of people gathering for the publicly announced purpose of worshipping the devil! Daniel, writing of "the time of the end," said, "The wicked shall do wickedly."

Don't overlook the valuable prizes offered for securing subscriptions for the Church of God Evangel this month. Remember, if you send in as many as 100 yearly subscriptions you will receive one set of Matthew Henry's Commentary regardless of whether or not you get the greatest number for the month. This is a very valuable prize, besides the good you will be doing.

Zion's Race and Prosperity

By H. B. HELTON

"Peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces," Ps. 122:7. This was David's prayer concerning Jerusalem. It was a striking type of the gospel church.

The blessings desired are peace and prosperity.

Peace

We will first consider peace. "Peace be within thy walls." Peace is the opposite of confusion and strife. See Ps. 133:1, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! The Church has often been the seat of discord and contention. See this at Rome, Rom. 16:17, "Now I beseech you, brethren,

mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

Prosperity

Prosperity is the Church growing, advancing, and if we can have peace, prosperity is sure to follow. When the Church was continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, Acts 2:42-47, these brethren were all teaching the same doctrine. One did not come along today and preach that everybody that was saved would go up in the rapture; and another one, that the bride would go and some would have to go thru the

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tribulation; and one come along and preach that we got sanctified when we got saved; and another, that it is a second work of grace. Brethren, we ought to stick to the teachings of the Assembly, with unity and love prevailing, and we acting and feeling as members of one holy family, one soul, one spirit, one end pursued by the whole. See Phil. 3:15-17. "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded; and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall

reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example." When the members of the Church are growing in knowledge and holiness, whole soul rising into more and more of the life and Spirit of God, there will be many asking their way to Zion.

same submissive spirit is obtained of which our dear Savior was made to partake in order that He might be able to succor those who are tempted; nevertheless, the garden experience brings us into closer relationship with Him for it is there that we learn the most wonderful lesson of prayer that was ever learned. When our soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death, then it is that in order to obtain relief and help, we submit and with the blessed Savior exclaim, "If it be possible let this cup pass from me, nevertheless not my will but thine be done." I'll admit that we can no more submit to some circumstances of life without prayer than we could try to submit and thereby within our own selves become a child of God. Such submission might serve temporarily but would never stand the tests of the times which immediately follow our submission.

The great privilege of prayer is the blessed provision which has been made to enable us to attain strength of will power to overcome obstacles and which automatically serves two purposes. The power to submit and a deeper experience with God than we had heretofore. Is there some circumstance in your life which you cannot avoid without disobeying God? Then pray for submitting grace. The sooner the better. Do as the song says, "Let go and let God." By floundering around and trying to rid yourself of it, when you know you are going against God, will only cause you hours of bitterness and regret for eventually you will have to return to the place where rebellion took root and with an amen to God's will submit.

Perhaps the trial was caused by your taking some step in which God was not consulted, or if consulted it was with a self-willed spirit and God had no chance to save you from it. We learn by the Parable of the Prodigal Son that his father could do nothing for him until he came to himself and saw his need of help. The best way out is to submit and be determined to ever afterward be guided by God.

Perhaps you have prayed for some desire to be granted and unwittingly said, "At any cost, Lord." Now the chastisement of the Lord is laid upon you in order to bring to pass the thing that is most profitable unto you. Submit and let God work. Perhaps God looks down upon your steadfast heart

Submission

Mrs. H. W. Poteat

"My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth," Heb. 12:5, 6.

We understand by the latter part of the scripture quoted that we as children of God shall not escape the chastening of the Lord, so if you have not already had a touch from His chastening rod, you may look for it, for it is sure to come in some form. It is left up to us as free moral agents as to how we receive it, but, beloved, let's not be like a lady I once saw who had a little five-year-old son who was seriously injured in a train wreck. I chanced to be near where the wreck occurred and saw the mother and injured son. No doubt he was the idol of her heart as he was her only child. Oh, how she did accuse God for being so cruel to allow it to happen! She almost cursed God. How she should have submitted and humbled herself and perchance God would have spared her son; but nay, he was rushed to the hospital and soon passed away.

One scripture says, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. 'Immediately following He exhorts us how to receive these things. How? 'Rejoice (why?) inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's suffering.' What will be the reward if we do so? 'When his glory shall be revealed ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.'"

In the twelfth chapter of Hebrews, in which the foregoing scriptures are found, we are re-

minded of the chastisement given us by our earthly fathers, "and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us; after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

In these, the closing days of time, I believe that the chastening rod of the Lord is bearing down upon us more and more, and for what purpose? That the Bride of Christ may yield herself in submission to whatever the chastisement may be, thereby obtaining a closer walk with God, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord.

We read that all things work together for good to them that love God, who are the called according to His purpose. Therefore, when trials and fierce temptations assail us, remember the above scripture and with a vice-like grip lay hold of that wonderful promise, that He will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able to bear, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. So, beloved, there is a way made for our escape if we will pray, resist, submit, and look for it.

Often we have heard people say, "I just had more than I could bear." For the one who looketh unto God and passively submits and lets the refining process have free course, we know there is victory. Let God be true and every man a liar. Oft times we are made to seek the garden of Gethsemane and there alone, without the consolation of human sympathy, pray until that

and at the suggestion of Satan turns him loose upon you, with proper restraint, to prove you and make you an ensample to others. How do we know? God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. How do we know just why the test, when we try to do our best. Let's just willingly submit and if we never understand in this life, we'll understand it better by and by.

Poor Job, when he was being buffeted by the enemy, if he had known the glory and reward which awaited him, no doubt he could have much easier submitted. He only knew as we do, that glory awaited him beyond this vale of suffering, but read how God came on the scene and so richly rewarded him. God does not in this dispensation reward us with temporal things but He is seeking a people on whom He can bestow the riches of His glory and adorn with the gifts of the Spirit.

When we think of this instance of Job, we are reminded of a faithful shepherd watching his flock. Sometimes the sheep begin to wander out of range and lay themselves liable to the enemy. The shepherd sees the danger and calls for his dog and with the command to round them up, sends him forth and causes them to retrace their steps. If they will willingly submit, the dog will do them no violence but if they rebel he at the command of his master employs more drastic measures. He snarls and bites at their heels sometimes causing injury before they learn the lesson of submission and turn back to the shepherd. Often this instance is exemplified in the lives of the children of God. The Shepherd and Bishop of our souls is watching over us and if we begin to wander too far away or if there are greener pastures into which He desires to take us, He allows the hand of the enemy to be laid upon us, as a general thing lightly at first, but if we do not submit and seek to know His object in His thus dealing with us, He allows the chastisement to come a little stronger. Many, many are the ones who do not see the hand of God in the rough side of life, consequently fail to surrender, therefore fail to get the blessing.

Think of the submission of the blessed Son of God, His trials and crucifixion. Jesus knew it was God's will for Him to go to Cal-

vary. He knew there was no way of pleasing the Father otherwise. Suppose when He was taken to trial He had resented and tried to defend Himself. It would only have made matters worse and eventually He would have had to go God's way. But praise God, we read that He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before his shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. This was true submission, the place we must attain under all circumstances, over which we have no control without displeasing Him. The following chorus voices the sentiment of my message to the fullest extent when submission has had her perfect work in us:

It takes the storm clouds to form the rainbow,
It takes the nighttime to show the stars;
It takes the crushing to bring forth fragrance,
And make eternal life's withering flower;
It takes the furnace the gold to brighten,
The sculptor's chisel with blow on blow,
The marble shaft in such polished beauty,
So trials make God's love to glow."

DEATH NOTICES

McNEAL

My dear wife died on June 1, 1934, praising the Lord, saying she was ready to go. She was a member of the Church of God here. Pray for me and my three little children to hold out faithful.—F. J. McNeal, East Tallassee, Ala.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the people who so faithfully stood by me during my sorrow in the loss of my dear companion. Also for the many letters and cards of encouragement received from so many friends over the different states, and especially Texas. Pray for me.—Mrs. J. C. Coats.

WARD

Death took little 15-year-old Mary Francis Ward but pray for her parents who are unsaved.—Mrs. W. L. McClaine, Homerville, Ga.

HARRIS

Emma Gean Harris, little daughter of Brother and Sister Johnnie Harris, died on April 8, 1934, age one year, eleven months, and fourteen days. Interment was made in Crumley's Chapel cemetery, Brother Ball officiating.—Viola Cantrell, Heflin, Ala.

PADGETT

Tommie Ray Padgett, son of Brother and Sister J. A. Padgett, died at the age of twenty-six years and five months. The funeral was conducted by Brother T. W. Godwin, pastor, Manatee, Fla. He was saved a day or two before his death. Interment was made in the Kinsey cemetery near Lake Park, Ga.—His brother, Floid Padgett.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

The greatest state convention the Church of God has ever had in Indiana closed June 24th. Brother S. W. Latimer, our General Overseer, was present and gave out many good messages of the Word of God, which were enjoyed by many. The Bible School quartet was also with us and brought the message in song. I have heard many say it was the best they ever heard. Brother J. H. Walker was with us and gave several interesting talks.

On the last night, which was Sunday night, he and Brother Latimer talked and it was thought by many that they both stopped too soon. Though the weather was hot yet the building which is 48x60 feet, was filled each service and many were turned away at nights. The power of God was present in every service. At times the shouts and praises could be heard several blocks away. Not only Indiana was represented, but West Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Illinois. Well praise the good Lord, I can feel the good spirit of it now.

Sister Harrison of Jonesboro, Tenn. was here and gave an interesting talk on our young people, also some Pentecostal people were here from other movements whom we hope to gain for the Church of God.

The work in Indiana is gaining ground. Pray for us. We need some good, consecrated workers in the state to help us and are trusting that God will send them.—C. H. Standifer, overseer of Indiana.

The Sounding of the Seven Trumpets

M. E. DRAKE

The Second Trumpet

"Sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; and the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed." The image of the burning mountain appeared to John but not a literal mountain. He plainly tells us "as it were a fiery mountain." Exactly what it was he could not explain nor describe but it turned the waters of the sea into blood. Just an ordinary mountain wouldn't do this but this fiery mass that resembled a mountain, did. When God came down on Mount Sinai the mountain burned with fire with clouds as thick as darkness. Deut. 4:11. The great mountain falling from the skies is meteoric rather than volcanic, thundering and flashing dashing into the ocean.

Let you be in doubt about this, remember God's dealings with Egypt in the days of Moses when he lifted up the rod and smote the waters that were in the river Nile and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. Exod. 7:20. Psal. 105:29, "He turned their waters into blood." Psal. 78:44, "And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink." That was fresh water but it made no difference with God. He can do the same with salt water. If one be literal, why not the other? The result is that one third part of the sea will become bloody, poisonous, even that the creatures in that part will die. That coagulated blood will halt the mightiest ships and by so doing will maroon cargo; passengers and property will perish helpless in that mighty grip. Fishes are one of God's best gifts to man, and splendid for food. Jesus Himself ate fish and they figured in many of His parables and in some of His miracles, and while the punishment of men is going on, it is reasonable that the fish will perish also as well as the trees and fruit of the earth. Hosea, speaking of the judgment of the earth, said the fishes of the sea shall be taken away, Hosea 4:1-3. Zephaniah

says (1:3), "I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of heaven and the fishes of the sea and the stumbling blocks of the wicked. I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord."

Isa. 2:12, "For the day of the Lord of host shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty and upon every one that is lifted up and he shall be brought low." v. 16, "And upon the ships of Tarshish."

Third Trumpet

"And there fell a great star from heaven burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers and upon the fountains of waters, and the name of the star is called Wormwood and the third part of the waters became wormwood and many men died of the waters because they were made bitter." In most instances we quote a star as being an angel but in this case the reading seems to turn to a comet and not a natural thing but a supernatural striking the earth. We could suggest several views but anyway it is absorbed by the waters and John saw the waters still running and the fountains flowing. He discerned a change in them by the meteor or star that he saw fall and it rendered them deadly to those who drank of them. Here may be a blessing to those who are left to go thru the tribulation when recalling Mark's writing. Mark 16:18, "And if they shall drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them," that is the believers.

The name assigned to the meteor is wormwood. Wormwood or absinth is a bitter intoxicating, poisonous herb. When used freely it produces convulsions, paralysis, and death. This star is appropriately named absinth; and is the embodiment of the poisonous bitterness and poison is communicated to whatever it touches, rivers, springs, and pools of water. Now if one meteor can turn the third part of the sea to blood, why not another meteor turn the third part of the fountains and rivers to deadly bitterness of absinth? March 21, 1823, a great volcanic explosion caused the river water to assume the color of beer. It was so extremely bitter as to be unfit for use in the Aleutian Islands.

Jer. 9:15, 16, "Therefore thus saith the Lord of host, the God of Israel, Behold I will feed them even this people with wormwood and gave them water of gall to drink." A good fresh drink of water would be worth much in this day. Psal. 69:21, "They gave me (Christ) also gall for my meat and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink." Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Lam. 4:4, "The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: the young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them." Don't think it strange that the unbelieving world that offered the precious Son of God vinegar and gall to drink should have this deadly bitter absinth or wormwood as a part of the wrath of the great tribulation. There are many now who despise pure water as unfit to drink. In that day they will deem it as precious life itself.

Fourth Trumpet

"And the third part of the sun was smitten and the third part of the moon, and a third part of the stars so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it and the night likewise." We have seen the judgments of God go forth thru the land and on spreading disaster everywhere suffering and death. This trumpet relates to things above as Jesus foretold. There shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars. Luke 21:25. Then the sun, moon, and stars are to only shine with two-thirds of their force and by so doing will disturb the growth of vegetation changing the seasons, hindering the ripening of fruits and harvest, filling the world with chill and sickening gloom. Oh, what a time!

Hear Isaiah as he warns us (13:9), "For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light, the sun shall be darkened in his going forth and the moon shall not cause her light to shine, and I will punish the world for their evil and the wicked for their iniquity; I will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible." Ezek. 32:7, 8, "And when I shall put thee out I will cover the heaven and make the stars thereof dark. I will cover the sun with a cloud and the moon shall not give her light. All the bright lights of heaven will I

make dark over thee and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God." Joel 2:10, "The earth shall quake before them, the heavens shall tremble, the sun and the moon shall be dark and the stars shall withdraw their shining." V. 30, 31, "And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and terrible day of the Lord come." Joel 3:15, "The sun and moon shall be darkened and the stars shall withdraw their shining." Amos 5:20, "Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness and not light even very dark and no brightness in it?" Read Zeph. 1:14-18, also Matt. 24:29, which are all unfulfilled.

We need not think this so strange when there were three days of darkness in the land of Egypt, Exod. 10:22, a part of God's judgment upon Egypt. History often repeats itself, even now there is much talk of the seasons changing and spots on the sun, etc. Many different reasons are assigned. This is the order of the fourth trumpet, yet these are only the preliminaries and preludes of the plagues to follow. Even sin itself has a voice in heaven and is heard as well as the prayers of the saints. And we can better understand it now than what we could a few years ago, hence we are taught that the air is full of voices that lay in layers like a stack cake and the radio has proved that the voice travels for many miles and can be heard on the housetop as well as in the house, so don't curse the king in your bedchamber for a little bird shall tell the matter. And we are taught that sentence against an evil work be not executed speedily therefore the hearts of the sons of men are set in them to do evil. Though a sinner do evil a hundred times and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before Him, but it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall He prolong his days which are as a shadow because he feareth not before God. Unregenerated men and women may flourish in their iniquities for a while and blaspheme for a season but judgment is sure to come. The world may mock and jeer at the followers of Christ but He will not always keep silent and when these

trumpets begin to sound out their clangor, the vibrations will run thru the earth and things that were created for human blessedness will turn into a source of disaster and trouble them that know not God and obey not the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Since I have only reached the sounding of four of these trumpets hear the pronouncement of the angel flying thru the midst of heaven, saying with aloud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other

voices of the trumpets of the three angels which are yet to sound." What else could happen than that which has happened in these four? I will try to get the other to you as soon as possible. Pray much, dear ones, for I know there isn't anyone who wants to be in this but there are many failing the grace of God. It is now a late hour in the night. I've been writing all day and tears would crowd my eyes and I would have to stop as God would bless me so. Oh hallelujah, I'm so glad I've got the blessing, aren't you?

Past, Present and Future

When the program of the Inter-Church World Movement. Fellowship of Faiths, Federal Council of Churches and other unity groups is completed, it is expected that the federated groups will be able to monopolize the religious field. All unaccredited bodies, that is all those who are not affiliated with the union groups, would be excluded from the field.

During the war, independent denominations were not recognized by the government in choosing chaplains to serve with the army—the Catholics and the Y.M.C.A. took control of the situation.

In a community where a federated church had been organized, the children in the state orphanage were forbidden to attend any other church than that one. Upon being interviewed by a Baptist minister as to why the children were no longer allowed to attend the church of their choice, the Orphanage Superintendent replied that he was sending the children to the church favored by the government, and the only one which the government would ultimately recognize.

The Federated Council has appealed to the United States Radio Commission for recognition as the representative of the churches in radio broadcasting. Their plan aims at keeping all religious programs off the air, unless they have the endorsement of the Council. If the Council achieves its aim, it will be up to the independent churches to line up or else silence their testimony. It is only a step from the control of National Radio Broadcasts, to the control of local church work.

All too soon those who have the testimony of Jesus will find that they will have to compromise their testimony, or face persecution from the apostate groups which have set about to form a monopoly on religious work.

The prophet Jeremiah was threatened with violence and at last shut up in a pit to die, because he warned the nation of the impending punishment which was sure to follow disobedience. The state preachers were all against him and were soothing the people with words of peace and safety while Jeremiah, standing alone, weepingly thundered out his warnings of judgment and destruction.

The prophet Micaiah was instructed as to how he should speak before being brought into the presence of King Ahab. Scores of the professionals had already had a jubilee in predicting success for Ahab in battle. Micaiah had to stand ALONE, tell the truth and go to prison for his testimony, because he refused to speak what God did not speak, or to withhold what God did speak.

Jesus, the apostles, and the preachers of righteousness of all ages have had to stand alone against the prevailing popular trend in religion. Not in all history is there any evidence that the chosen people of God have been any but small, peculiar, isolated groups, not included in the prevailing popular religious organizations. Any movement that expands to become big enough and broad enough to include those who are not in the 'narrow way' classifies itself as apostate.

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SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

ADAMSVILLE, Ala.—We thank the Lord for the great six-weeks revival here with Brothers E. M. Tapley bringing the messages and W. E. Raney in charge of the music. God blessed in a wonderful way. Thirty-five or more were filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-one added to the church, and twenty-eight baptized in water. We had been praying for the Lord to send the right workers for the revival and words can't express our appreciation of them. They are fine, consecrated workers for God; their lives dedicated to the service of the Lord. The enemy worked but the Lord used Brother Tapley in giving out the Word with such love and wisdom that sinners fell in the altar and cried out to God for mercy and came thru shouting the praise of Him who redeemed their souls and now are ready to help in lifting up the standard of Christ. The evangelistic services closed on Wednesday night but the rest of the week Brother Tapley gave out very helpful and encouraging messages to the beginners. We are glad of the lifts the churches from other places gave us. Our state overseer, Brother Harmon, and Dist. overseer, Bro. Burroughs, were with us several times and we appreciate them very much. We appreciate our leader, Sister Minnie Haynes. She has been a shepherd to the flock here and we love her for the way she has stood by us. We desire your prayers that God will continue to bless.—A sister in Christ, Vivian Adams.

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Another church was set in order in the State of Georgia, in Cedartown district, about Dec. 1st. It was set in order in our home. The church is located three blocks from the city limits. God wonderfully undertook and thru the kindness of Mr. N. A. White, we have a church building. The church is known as Whites Chapel. It is on the road from Rockmart, Ga. to Aragon, on a hill known as Nichols Hill. It is easily located. We have a very good Sunday School, had sixty-one present last Sunday. Pray for the church and for me and my friends.—Doyle Brown, son of Rev. J. F. Brown, Rockmart, Ga.

VERDA, Ky.—I thank God for the wonderful things He has done in Verda. There is a good band of saints here. We have a church set in order with twelve members. We have gained lots of confidence with used-to-be holiness fighters. We had a good revival that closed Feb. 14. Brother H. O. Kirk from Clinchfield, Va., ran the meeting. He did some good preaching and the Lord surely blessed. We all seemed to just be lifted up wonderfully. One was reclaimed, one sanctified, two saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost for which we thank God. Pray for this field as it is a hard place. I ask all who read this to pray for my companion, he is unsaved and is under conviction. Pray that God will add many souls to our number.—Your sister in Christ, Sylvia Carter, clerk and treasurer.

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WALHALLA, S.C.—The rain has been falling outside and praise the Lord it has been falling in my soul too. We have been having cottage prayer meetings for a week or more and the Lord has surely put His approval upon it. Four received the Holy Ghost from Sunday night up until Wednesday night. We thank God for our pastor, Brother J. C. Childers. He preaches on Sunday afternoon and every one surely loves him. He is a God-sent man. The Lord blesses in the services and the power falls from heaven.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Sallie Kelly.

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HUBBALL, W. Va.—We have just closed a five weeks' revival at this place. It is a new field. The enemy has fought hard but God wonderfully blessed. Fifteen were saved, eighteen sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water and seventeen added to the church. The revival was held in the new church building of which we are very proud. This is the only Church of God in this county and people for miles around have been coming and some are becoming greatly interested. Many soul stirring sermons were preached by Brother Henry Swanson, pastor, assisted by Brother George Tate. Pray for us that we will always be found

faithful and true to the Lord.—Dora Ferrell, clerk.

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MINOT, N. Dak.—On Jan. 19th the church at Minot, N. Dak., began revival services with Evangelist D. C. Boatwright doing the preaching. Good interest was manifested throughout the meeting which came to a close Feb. 11th. Heaven alone knows the good accomplished but we know several sought the Lord for salvation and testified to their new found experience and of the blessings of the Lord. Thirteen were added to the church for which we thank and praise God. The Lord gave Brother Boatwright favor with the sinners and the church invites him back for another revival should Jesus tarry.—Glyndon Logsdon, pastor.

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EASTON, Md.—I thank Jesus for what He is doing for us here in Easton, Md. We have a good church here with true blue saints. We are expecting to rise and shine for Jesus more in the future than we have in the past. I praise God for healing me of fever, chills and cold this winter. My oldest daughter was sick in January with something like flu and the Lord healed her. She got up. The next day the weather was zero. On the way home her right hand froze. She was suffering great pain. We put it in cold water but that didn't seem to do any good so we began to call on One who is able. Praise His name He answered. Relief came at once. She has had no trouble since. She has the Holy Ghost. We can't thank God enough for this old time religion. We need your prayers. I have two more children whom I want to see saved before Jesus comes. Please ask God to put real Holy Ghost conviction on their hearts. Also pray for my husband who is in poor health and is unsaved.—A sister in His service, Mrs. L. M. Burt, Box 46.

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BIG SPRING, Texas.—I praise God for the victory in our souls here at Big Spring. We are encouraged to press on. During the holidays a revival was held here which was very successful. There were about fourteen saved, six sanctified and several filled with the Holy Ghost. Our little church here is on the upward move and I am encouraged to press on more than ever before. Our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Ratchford, have proved to be a blessing

to this church. We love them very much. We also have a Y. P. E. here. We are encouraged to go on with God and do more in the future than in the past. On Saturday nights we have a Bible study for the elder people in connection with the Y. P. E.'s. There are usually good crowds at these services and the interest is growing. Every one pray for this little church that God will find us faithful at all times.—Very sincerely, Miss Geneva Prevost, 606 Johnson St.

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PARAGOULD, Ark.—I wish to report victory in a twelve-day meeting held here in Paragould. In that time one was saved, one sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. There was a Church of God here at one time but it has gone down. The people are wanting the Church of God here again. All they are waiting for is some one to come and set the church in order. I believe we can get several members.—Horace Lewis.

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VERO BEACH, Fla.—We closed a three weeks' revival here at Vero Beach, Jan. 25th, with Sister W. M. Newman doing the preaching and her helpers making the music. The Lord was with us in a wonderful way. Several were saved, sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, six baptized in water and six added to the church. We give the Lord the glory. We are proud of our little flock here. The Lord is blessing and we have gone over the top in everything.—L. B. Hammond, pastor.

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JOHNSTON CITY, Ill.—God is wonderfully blessing here. We have just closed a four weeks' meeting with good results. Sister Eula Haran did most of the preaching. Ten were saved, eleven sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church and others are looking this way. Eternity alone will tell the good that has been done. Please pray for us here.—W. R. Anderson, pastor.

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HENRIETTA, Tex.—I praise God for the way He is blessing in the good old "lone star" state of Texas, especially at Henrietta. We have just closed a revival here. Brother and Sister O. B. Bolton opened fire on the devil Jan. 28th. God came down in a mighty way. During the seventeen nights' meeting thirty-four were saved, twenty

sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost and twenty-one added to the dear old Church of God. Henrietta has one of as good churches now as Texas has. Pray for Texas.—Your brother under the blood, L. C. Pennington, pastor.

OHIO STATE CONVENTION

The Ohio state convention which convened at Hamilton, May 17-20 was a great blessing to all from the beginning to the end. Oh, how real God made Himself to us. The saints wept and cried, shouted and danced when the blessings came showering down from the glory world. I believe every speaker was at his or her best in giving out the messages.

Ohio has a crowd of fine ministers, genteel, true, faithful, and courageous. They were here with the victory and in the unity of the Spirit. Those who addressed the convention surely had upon them the approval of the Lord and delivered their message under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. These messages were powerful and surely went home to many hearts. We enjoyed every one and several times during this brief convention remarked to each other after hearing different messages. "That's the best yet," but the Lord provided others that brought the same remark. There seemed to be a freshness about God's program so that everything He furnished the thirsting soul completely satisfied.

Brother J. H. Walker, superintendent of Bible Training School, gave a stirring talk on "Value of Bible School." Brother S. W. Latimer, General Overseer, delivered several stirring messages from his chair which gave us a new zeal to press on for Christ's coming seems so near. We cannot here rehearse all the deep, Bible subjects that were discussed. Truly our ears have heard wonderful things. May God grant that we be not hearers only but doers of the Word.

Special music was furnished throughout the meeting. The quartet from Bible School and the Detroit band were enjoyed by all. The convention was well attended. The house was packed to its utmost capacity but it is said that several were turned away from the evening service. If Jesus tarries we expect to have a larger and more convenient place for this wonderful meeting in the near future for

the Church of God is growing fast in Ohio.

I thank God for the hope I have in my soul today as I try to report this convention. I cannot tell the half, yet all who attend a Church of God convention know the glory that accompanies and how it gives a greater desire to press the battle to the end.—Your sister in the Lord, Mae Marcum.

HAYNES, FORREST CITY, AND BALD KNOB CONVENTIONS

I take this method of writing up the three district conventions which were Haynes, Forrest City and Bald Knob. All three were very successful, although they were the first ones held in Arkansas for quite a while. The conventions were held by the state overseer, L. G. Rouse.

The first one was Haynes, held at West Helena. God wonderfully blessed in it. Each message was greatly inspired by the Holy Ghost. On Sunday we had special talks on missions and orphanage. Special offerings were taken for mission work and the orphans in all the conventions. We had dinner on the ground Sunday. Sunday night the convention closed with a wonderful meeting.

The next convention was the Forrest City convention at Pleasant Hill. God wonderfully blessed. Good sermons were given. Special songs were sung by Brother Rouse, the writer, and others. I am glad I had the privilege of coming from Akron, Ohio, to travel with Brother Rouse. Healing services were conducted in all conventions. Dinner was spread on the ground Sunday. The convention closed Sunday night, a very successful one.

Bald Knob convention was held at Bald Knob. The convention opened Friday at ten o'clock. There were many good sermons. We had visitors from other places with us. We mention especially Brother Snowden, a native of Canada, on his way from California. He is a fine man. He has consented to come back to the state and work in the interest of the young people. We trust that he will. Threats were made by the enemy to rotten-egg Brother Rouse but the Lord wouldn't let them bother him. We had good order all thru the convention. Brother C. E. Banks preached a good sermon on

"Rent, Interest or Tax." Dinner was spread on the ground. I would like to name all the speakers but Brother Clark has asked us to make convention reports as brief as we can. The convention closed Sunday night, a successful one.

All the conventions were good. We extend a cordial invitation to every one to come to our state convention at Forrest City, Ark., August 30 to Sept. 1. We expect many visitors and a good time in the Lord, also a ten days' camp meeting afterwards. Your brother in Christ, Arlie Starn, 205 Cook St., Forrest City, Ark.

ALABAMA Y. F. E. CONVENTION

The Alabama Y. P. E. convention convened at Sylacauga, Ala., May 26-28. Those of you who do not believe the Lord is blessing in this work should have attended this convention. The Lord has been wonderfully blessing in Alabama. Every one seems greatly encouraged. There was a large delegation and excellent music. The Sumiton band assisted in the musical programs as well as the ladies' quartet and visiting quartets. The Lord was truly in the midst and blessed. Of course we know all success we gain, all we are or ever hope to be, is only through Jesus. We give Him all the glory for the success of this convention.

We were extremely proud to have so many of the older ministers in the state visit the convention. We are fortunate enough to have some splendid ministers in Alabama whose prayers and co-operation are behind the young people's work. This means a great deal to the younger workers. To those who are behind us, we certainly appreciate your interest and advice.

We know team work is a key to the success of any group. Without team work there is chaos and defeat. How thankful we are for the team work of Y. P. E. workers in Alabama. Let's just keep on co-operating with our leaders. Let us pull together as one. We can see our dreams and plans unfold into realities. Let us say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Y. P. E. workers, Alabama is on the upward grade. We have some most promising prospects for an excellent work.

To the state we say, you have

some keen competition. You had better move on. With the Lord's help the Alabama Y. P. E. is not going to be defeated but is going to clear the top.—Miss Mildred Murphree, 1312 Alabama Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

WEST VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

Our state convention convened at Salem, W. Va., May 31-June 3. With Brother H. N. Scoggins, our state overseer, in charge. We were made glad to see faces from far and near and to have their presence in our midst, and most of all we were made happy to realize that the presence of the dear Lord was with us.

The welcome address was delivered by our pastor, Brother J. A. Bixler; a welcome address was also given by the mayor of the town, also our city police gave a short talk. Responses were given by A. T. Little, C. O. Martin, Nettie Richard. Brother J. M. Kile brought the evening message. We had special songs and prayers.

On Friday, June 1st, after a good song and prayer service Brother T. J. Meade brought a message followed by one by A. R. Clowers. Brother R. A. Fielden brought us a message in the afternoon service. Brother E. C. Clark also brought a message. At six-thirty there was young people's meeting. Brother Patton gave a short talk, also Brother Louis Davis gave a talk. Brother H. R. Ramsey gave a message in the evening service, followed by one by Brother A. L. Jenkins. Altar service followed. We had special songs throughout the day by different singers.

Saturday morning service was opened with songs and prayer followed by a sermon by Brother R. C. Cook. The Bible School quartet surely did some wonderful singing. Brother E. H. Bowen brought a message and Brother Thomas made a short talk inviting every one over to the Pennsylvania state convention. In the afternoon service Brother H. L. Marcum brought a message followed by one by G. G. Williams. We had a Y.P.E. program again at six-thirty. Brother J. H. Walker gave a talk on the Bible School followed by a sermon by Brother S. W. Latimer, after which there was an altar service.

Sunday morning we had a talk

on "Sunday School Interests" by Brother E. E. Winters. We had the call of churches by districts. Bro. Latimer brought us a message at eleven o'clock on "An Unblamed Ministry." In the afternoon the call of the churches was resumed. Bro. Carl G. Carder brought a message on "Our Young People." Y. P. E. service was held at six-thirty. We had a praise service led by Brother Scoggins. At eight o'clock we had a sermon by Brother Latimer from his chart. We adjourned with handshakes and good-byes. We had many special songs and music throughout the convention, which were enjoyed by all present.—Icy Hyatt, clerk.

I SAW THE OLD SHIP OF ZION

I was off in the woods praying and the dear Lord began to bless me and I was hid away in the spirit and saw a ship. It was three stories high and the top story did not have any top on it. It was just flat like the deck only it had bars around it up to my shoulders. The ship was loaded and I was in the top story. Brother F. J. Lee, Brother S. W. Latimer, and Brother Earl Faulk were in the top story and they were the only ones that I knew but the ship was loaded, almost ready to pull off. There was a big multitude of people standing on the land. They had bright faces but their clothes were dark. I got up and started to leave the place where I was praying and the Lord was still blessing me. I came to a little log and began to praise the Lord and was hid away again. I saw the same ship just as I did before only it had broken anchor and left the shore. It was out about fifty yards from the shore and that multitude of people who had bright faces and dark clothes were running and trying to get to the ship but they could not for they would plunge into the water in bunches and the waves would take them under out of sight. They never did get to the ship for it had pulled off leaving the shore and all that was on the shore. It did not wait for any one to get on but praise the Lord I was ready and in the top story when the ship pulled off.—Your brother in Christ, A. C. Wheelis, Rt. 3, Fitzgerald, Ga.

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ATTENTION STATE OVERSEERS

Dear Brethren:

We certainly appreciate the co-operation you have shown in helping us secure students for Bible School in times past, and we are appealing to you again to help us reach the goal we have set for this term, which is 300 students. Please help us.

Last term we had students from twenty-seven states and one from the Philippine Islands. The enrollment in the various departments reached 220. The enrollment for the previous year was 135. You can readily see that this is indeed a wonderful increase of eighty-five students or a gain of about 63 per cent. We do praise God because He is laying it on the hearts of our precious young men and women to become more efficient workers for Him. Many are coming and giving their whole life, time, and talent for the Master. God grant that many more shall come to the deciding point and say "Yes" to God and receive training in Bible School this term.

The goal of 300 can be reached by each one of you state overseers sending just a few more students from your state. Below is given each state's pro rata of increase.

State	Last Yr.	Increase	Goal
Ark.	2	1	3
Ala.	11	4	15
Fla.	22	8	30
Ga.	10	4	14
Kans.	1	1	2
Ky.	3	1	4
La.	8	3	11
Ill.	1	1	2
Me.	1	1	2
Mass.	1	1	2
Mich.	3	1	4
Miss.	3	1	4
Mo.	2	1	3
Mont.	2	1	3

N. Car.	11	4	15
N. Dak.	14	5	19
N. Mex.	3	1	4
Ohio	1	1	2
Pa.	2	1	3
Philippine Islands	1	1	2
S. Car.	9	3	12
S. Dak.	5	2	7
Tenn.	91	28	119
Tex.	7	3	10
Va.	1	1	2
W. Va.	4	1	5
Wyo.	1	1	2

Now for some states the increase in numbers is very small and I'm sure you will not want to stop at just that number, for you get the greater blessing for doing more than just your part.

Many tuition schools during the depression have lost in numbers, and, in fact, quite a few have even closed their doors, but the Church of God Bible Training School has continued to grow right thru the depression at a very pleasing increase.

We are making ample arrangements for the accommodations of the largest number of students in the whole history of the school. Please keep on the lookout for young men and women who you feel has the hand of God upon them, and help all you can to get the needed training that will make them more efficient workers for the Master. We have as good talent as any group of people in the world, possibly better, but we need the talent developed. There is unemployment on every hand, but surely there is none in the Church of God nor ever will be for the fields are white now and we have but a few days left to work. Let us do our very best for Him for we hope to see Him soon.

May God abundantly bless your efforts in your state and remember the Bible School needs and most heartily appreciates your co-oper-

ation. Yours in His service, J. H. Walker, Supt.

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NOTICES

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Tom Whitlow and wife, last heard of at Milwaukee, Wis., and Rebecca Allen and Mary Williams. Report to Frank Davis, clerk, and send your 40c on indebtedness at Headquarters. If not heard from by next quarterly conference, your names will be dropped from our list.—Frank Davis, Rt. 1, Troy, Tenn.

We will have a home coming day at Hattiesburg, Miss. the fifth Sunday in July, the 29th. There will be all day service with dinner so come and bring a well filled basket. There will be baptizing in the afternoon. We are expecting a wonderful time. We invite all who are close enough to come, so be sure and come and have one feast with us this year. Come praying that the Lord will open the windows of heaven and pour us out a special feast on that day. We are looking for you.—M. J. Headley, pastor, Hattiesburg, Miss.

I would like to hear from some one who lives close to a Church of God and would like for me to help with the house work. I want to get where I can be with God's dear children. I have a little girl three years old. I have the Holy Ghost.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Zylpher McCain, in care of Henry J. Boatman, Rt. 2, Charleston, Tenn.

We expect representatives from each church in the State at the convention convening at Pratt City, 19-22. If you can't come, send your pastor. Those coming are requested to bring as many groceries as you can, to aid in feeding the people. Come one, come all. We hope this to be the greatest gathering the State of Alabama has ever had. If you haven't paid your 40c per member, do so before the convention.—W. W. Harmon, state overseer.

This is to notify all concerned that my address has been changed from 188 Rienhard Ave., to 69 Innis Ave., Columbus, Ohio.—E. Haynes, overseer of Ohio.

Brother R. P. Johnson's address is Box 285, Weatherford, Tex., instead of Box 385 as we had it in the paper of June 30.

This is to notify all of the

Church of God and any it may concern, that the Church of God in Baltimore, Md. has moved her place of worship from 1506 Fulton Ave. to 1910 Fredrick Ave. Those passing thru the city on route No. 1 or route No. 40 look for the sign at the junction of route No. 1 and 40 while waiting on the traffic light. You are cordially invited to worship with us. Services Wednesday night, Sunday at 9:45 a. m., 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.—David J. Goude, pastor, 330 S Franklin-town Rd., Baltimore, Md.

The Church of God here will have an all-day service on Aug. 5, the first Sunday, and will dedicate the new church building. Our state overseer, Brother H. L. Whittington, will preach the dedicatory sermon. To everybody is extended a hearty invitation and welcome. Come and bring full baskets as dinner will be on the church ground.—Your brother under the blood, W. L. Edgar, pastor, Salem, S. C.

To the Church of God in Oklahoma: At this writing we are enjoying the last few days of the Canada-North and South Dakota convention and camp meeting, but by the time you read this we will be back in our state making preparation for our state convention and camp meeting which convenes at Maud, Okla., July 27. We have the assurance of having our General Overseer, Brother S. W. Latimer, with us, also the Bible School Quartet. We advise that each pastor take an offering for the expense of having this quartet with us. Having them and our General Overseer with us certainly will prove a blessing to our meeting. Also we urge that each pastor make a special effort toward raising our general indebtedness quota. Bring your camp kit and stay thru the entire meeting. We will send each minister a program in a few days, or bring you one rather, as we expect to visit each church between now and the 27th if possible. And too, we certainly will appreciate having out-of-state visitors with us. The location is Maud, Okla., about one hundred miles north of Ardmore and about sixty-five miles southeast of Oklahoma City.—S. J. Wood, overseer of Oklahoma.

The Roanoke, Va. district convention will convene at Bedford,

Va. July 27-29. This is twenty-five miles east of Roanoke on the Lynchburg road and twenty-five miles west of Lynchburg on the Roanoke road. Come and be with us and enjoy the presence of the Lord. Bring your dinner Sunday and stay all day.—Alex Shaffer, district pastor.

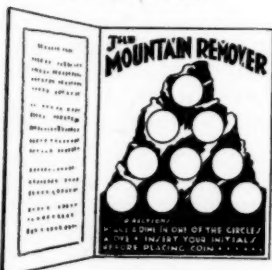
There will be a Sunday School convention at Sanford, N. C. the fifth Sunday in July. The Raleigh district is especially invited to be present, and all others who wish to attend. There will be dinner served.—A. J. Butler, district pastor.

The Church of God at Slater, S. C. wants to know the whereabouts of Mr. West Cannon and if not heard from within two weeks we will have to disfellowship him from the Church of God at Slater.—Carl Cox, pastor; Edgar F. Epps, clerk.

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LESSON 5

JULY 29

MICAIAH SPEAKS THE TRUTH

TEXT: 1 Kings 22:1-14.—MEMORY VERSE: Prov. 12:22.

TIME: About 853 B. C. — PLACE: Samaria.

GOLDEN TEXT: What the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak.—1 Kings 22:14a.

LEADING THOUGHT: Truth reveals to us a universal deity; obedience is always rewarded.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE PEACE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA

V. 1. "And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel." "Three years (not full years as the next verse shows) are to be counted from the second defeat of Benhadad; the history, that is to say, is resumed from ch. 20:34-43. Rawlinson conjectures that it was during this period that the Assyrian invasion, under Shalmaneser II, took place. The Black Obelisk tells us that Ahab of Jezreel joined a league of kings, of whom Benhadad was one, against the Assyrians, furnishing a force of 10,000 footmen and 2000 chariots; see "Hist. Illust." pp. 113, 114.

V. 2. "And it came to pass in the third year." During which there was peace between Syria and Israel. "That Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel." Jehoshaphat king of Judah had done much to reform the realm of his kingdom by putting down idolatry and exalting the worship of Jehovah. But Ahab king of Israel, whose wife was the abominable Jezebel and seemingly the emblem of cruelty incarnate, seemingly placed no restraint on the idolatry of his people. Ahab's capital was Samaria.

THE CAUSE OF WAR

V. 3. "And the king of Israel said unto his servants." Rather his "braintrust" or councillors and officers. "Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours." Ramoth-gilead, that is, of Gilead; a great frontier fortress at that time in the hands of Syria which after many reverses was a constant menace to Israel. Benhadad had promised to restore it to the cities of Israel, 1 Kings 20:34. It was also one of the cities of refuge on the east of Jordan, a Levitical city. "And we be still." That is, did not claim their rights which Benhadad had promised to restore. "And take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria." Ahab had beaten the Syrian monarch in battle twice, 1 Kings 20, but had not put him to death, for which he was rebuked by the prophet of Jehovah, 1 Kings 20:35, 43. He had been warned that he must pay with his life for allowing Benhadad to escape, V. 39, 40. Thus Ahab plotted against the king of Syria at the cost of his own life.

AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE

V. 4. "And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead?" War lords always desire to re-

cruit the efforts of those whose kingdom subjects are at peace to further the greed and lust of the spoil of war. "And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses." The king of Judah placed himself and his army at the disposal of Ahab king of Israel. Partly because by marriage alliance with the house of Ahab, also possibly because he feared that if Syria was not beaten they might override the northern kingdom of Israel and cause trouble in the kingdom of Judah.

V. 5. "And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord to day." It was regarded as a time of crisis. Ahab may have been encouraged by his false prophets but had not mentioned it to Jehoshaphat, however, the king he was, would not advance upon such an important undertaking without the counsel of Jehovah. Ahab's former victories had been won by the counsel of a prophet. This was perhaps known to Jehoshaphat who thought counsel at this time both timely and wise.

FALSE PROPHETS

V. 6. "Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men." From the number (cf. ch. 18:19) it has been concluded that these were "prophets of the groves," i. e., of Astarte, who escaped the massacre of the Baal prophets (ch. 18:40). Others have supposed that they were prophets of Baal. But both these suppositions are negatived (1) by the fact that Jehoshaphat asks Ahab to "inquire at the word of Jehovah," and (2) that these prophets profess to speak in the name and by the Spirit of Jehovah (vers. 11, 12, 24). Moreover (3) Ahab would hardly have insulted Jehoshaphat by bringing the prophets of Baal or Astarte before him (Waterland in Wordsworth). And yet that they were not true prophets of the Lord, or of the "sons of the prophets," appears (1) from ver. 7, where Jehoshaphat asks for a "prophet of the Lord;" and (2), from ver. 20 sq., where Micaiah disclaims them, and is found in direct opposition to them. "And said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?" These prophets were confronted with the responsibility of the nation's welfare yet they hesitated not to answer in the voice of falsehood and uncertainty. They had no conviction of conscience.

"And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king." Perhaps influenced by what they knew Ahab wanted they commanded him to go up. Thus a man headed in the wrong direction they acted as a powerful incentive to rush him forward to destruction. This they did by assuming the role of an angel of light.

V. 7. "And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we might enquire of him?" Jehoshaphat recognized that the four hundred prophets had not spoken in the name of Jehovah. Jehoshaphat no doubt thought it possible for Ahab to secure the services of Elijah who may have at that time been in Gilead.

V. 8. "And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the Lord." Micaiah has left no sacred writings of his prophetic career yet his answer to king Ahab and its fulfillment proves that he was an inspired prophet. "But I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." There is a hesitancy of those who live sinful and wicked lives to want to face the true prophet of God, or can those who yield themselves to exercise sinful practice expect a message of comfort and consolation in time of testings and difficulty? For this reason he despised Micaiah, Jehovah's true prophet. "And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so." A polite manner in which Jehoshaphat disagreed with king Ahab's opinion of Jehovah's prophet.

JEHOVAH'S TRUE PROPHET

V. 9. "Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten hither Micaiah the son of Imlah." Regardless of his opinion of the prophet he must in order to hold the favor of Jehoshaphat comply with his request. He will face the evil forecast of prophecy if he may but lean upon the king of Judah.

V. 10. "And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne." Oriental kings had portable thrones which they took with them in their journeys. "Having put on their robes." Perhaps desirous to make it a very impressive occasion, and certainly a contrast to the poorly clad prophet of Jehovah, thus 1 Cor. 1:18-25 here foreshadows itself. "In a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria." Not only an open or vacant place but an exalted position in a kind of public square and suitable for public assemblies in those times. "And all the prophets prophesied before them." No doubt Ahab thought he was having a real Pentecostal meeting until Micaiah, Jehovah's prophet, set aside the incredulous ministry of false prophets whose ministry had missed the mark.

ZEDEKIAH'S DRAMATIC PROPHECY

V. 11. "And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron." Judging from his name his parents were followers of Jehovah and knew nothing of the evil devices which he was enacting in Israel. He sought to visualize his

prophecy by a dramatic play. "And said, Thus saith the Lord." That is, Jehovah since it was His word that Jehoshaphat desired. "With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them." That is, until they perish. He is trying to act out the part of Deut. 33:17 where it was said of Ephraim, that his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth. In the east horns were a symbol of power, Psa. 89:24.

V. 12. "And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper." Bound by the influence of the king if they did not feel he would be victorious they dared not utter a word. "For the Lord shall deliver it into the king's hand." If the expedition had been successful they would all gladly accept the credit of being a true seer and if not they did not desire to become the king's enemy by prophesying against him.

V. 13. "And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth." This quack messenger thought it wise to tell Micaiah the accord of the prophets. He was perhaps seeking a "brotherhood of faiths." Seemingly Micaiah knew nothing of the popular prophecies that were prevalent in the city of Samaria. "Let thy word, I

pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good." The messenger may have sought to protect Micaiah from the wrath of Ahab, not recognizing the more grave danger of his becoming a false prophet nor his solemn duty to properly represent Jehovah and protect the welfare of his people from slaughter.

V. 14. "And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth." The most solemn name he could pronounce to attest the sincerity of his intention. "What the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak." It seems that both Ahab and the messenger thought the prophet could guide his message at his own will and pleasure. Such is not the case of the true and inspired prophet. His message comes from a sudden apocalypses, 1 Cor. 12:30, an incident for each occasion.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—A very successful revival has just closed at Bowling Green, Ky. conducted by Carl A. Stanly, pastor, and E. O. Frazier, district overseer. Much good was accomplished. Fourteen were saved, six sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. Many seekers were in the altar. Pray, saints, that this church will go over the top this year.—Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. Cassie Frazier.

GOVERNMENT, ITS USE AND ABUSES

(Continued from page 1)

the instituted kingdom of Heaven. The argument is further augmented by the fact that the Holy City had twelve foundations and in them the names of the twelve apostles, Rev. 21:14. The city also had twelve gates and at the gates were twelve angels and there was written upon the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. The twelve gates were also twelve pearls. The foundation of the city also had twelve stones and the measure of it was twelve thousand furlongs. The wall of the city is 144 cubits, a multiple of twelve.

Jesus, our King or Governor, of this wonderful city, made His first appearance in public at the age of twelve years, Luke 2:42. Dr. Bullinger has further pointed out that, "twelve legions of angels mark the perfection of angelic powers," Matt. 26:53. And let us remember that the counterfeit government as instituted by Antichrist is stamped with the number six or half the number of twelve. It is particularly significant also that the Greek

word "aula" translated palace, which is the legal seat of the King, occurs twelve times.

The Number Seventy

The next number of ministerial rank chosen by Christ was the seventy mentioned in Luke 10:1. This number seems to have been a parallel to the Jewish Sanhedrin in Israel. Had the Jews understood the deep and spiritual significance of the numbers twelve and seventy, they would have understood that Jesus was building up a governmental order that was to take the place of the Israelitish kingdom. Seventy souls came out of the loins of Jacob, Gen. 46:27; Ex. 1:5. Through these the nation of the Israelites was built up, over which seventy elders formed a governmental tribunal, Ex. 24:1; Num. 11:16. Consequently we find in the selection of the twelve and seventy a divine mark always associated with government.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

The apostate stamp is all over the present day, united church movement. One of their speakers has said, "The inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible are no longer

possible of belief among reasonable men." Another said, "There is one type of people we do not desire to yoke up with this movement—those who have nothing to do but save souls." They deny the diety of Christ, the sinfulness of men, the need of regeneration, the fact of Christ's return, and man's dispensational failure. In place of the regenerating gospel and the ministerial commission of Eph. 4, i. e. (perfecting the saints) work of the ministry and edifying of the body of Christ, "they substitute a program of moral reform, law enforcement, international morality and world peace."

George Muller testifies, "It is often said, for the sake of peace and union, we should not be very particular as to certain parts of truth; keep them back and treat them as matters of no moment; I humbly state that I entirely differ from this view; for I do not see that such union is of real, lasting, or scriptural value. We are not at liberty lightly to esteem undervalue, keep in the background—much less GIVE UP—the truth, even for the sake of union."

The Bible points the lawful way to union. "If we walk in the light . . . we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." Christians will have union in the precise degree in which they obey this plain Word of the Lord.

The above refers to unity of the Spirit.

REQUESTS

We have started a revival four miles north of Rayville, La., and we ask the Evangel family to pray for the success of the meeting. We also ask that the Dunn, La. church come and be with us and help us out as this is a hard place, and that Brother J. B. Cole will bring his quartet. Remember the meeting started July 14th. — Yours as ever in Him and the Church of God, Claud E. Chambers, Holly Ridge, La.

We thank the good Lord for the good revival which we are having at Cassey Springs. The Lord is blessing. About fifteen have received the Holy Ghost and others blessed. We set a new church in order last Sunday with fifteen charter members and others are

coming in later. Land has already been given for a church building and timber is being donated, so by God's help we want to have a church building here soon and we ask the Evangel readers to pray for us here. The revival is still going. When we leave here we are going to Cartersville, Ga., for a revival. Please pray for the Lord to give us a new church there too for it is a needy field.—Your brother in the Master's service, L. P. Shaw, 506 Wall St., Calhoun, Ga.

Please pray for me to be healed of T. B. I have been sick about four months and the doctors have given me up and say they can do nothing more for me.—Susie Mae Sullivan, Seales Ala.

We are in a revival five miles north of Iron City, Ga., in a brush arbor. From 250 to 500 people are in attendance every night. The revival has been running two weeks. Ten have been saved and from twenty to twenty-seven adults are in the altar every night. This is a new field for the Church of God. Please pray for us.—E. E. Coleman, Iron City, Ga.

Our meeting is on at Swink, Okla. It has been running only four nights but the interest is good and the congregations large. Brother J. R. Tapp is with me in this battle. We want the Church of God and all who know the value of prayer to pray for us. I thank every one who has sent old papers to me and ask that you continue to send them.—C. M. Barrett, Ft. Towson, Okla.

Dear Church of God folks, pray for me. I once knew the blessed Savior but went astray. I can't sleep tonight for my burdens are great and all I know to do is take them to the Lord. I am sorry that I bobbed my hair. I don't get to go to church much. It has been almost four years since I was at church. I long to be with the saints and have the victory and worship with them. My health is not good. I have had something wrong with my head for several years and it gets worse. Saints everywhere, pray for me. It is sad if one doesn't have Jesus. Pray for my three children and my husband. Letters of encouragement would be appreciated.—Grace Corn, Slaty Fork, W. Va.

We had a wonderful revival at Burdette, Ark., June 2-24. Brother Rouse prayed for me and the Lord wonderfully touched me. I had T. B. I am not completely healed and ask all the saints to pray that God will heal me completely. Thirty were saved in the revival, sixteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-eight added to the church and baptized in water. We have a good pastor, Brother P. S. Starfield.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Rasie Cole, Luxora, Ark.

Brother Martin Baldree of Plant City, Fla., will conduct a two weeks' revival in Homerville, Ga., beginning August 1st. The saints at that place request prayer for the success of the revival.

Sister Black of Rome, Ga., requests pray for her boy who was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

I wish all the saints everywhere to pray for me. I have kidney trouble very bad. Pray for my two sisters and brother and my two girls and boy to be saved.—A sister in the Lord, Mrs. Eva Smith, 1853 Champlain St., Toledo, Ohio.

We have up the big tent in Sparta, Tenn., and the battle is on. God is working and is able to give the victory. This is a new field but we are having large crowds each night and the interest is fine. We believe the Lord will give us many souls here. Please pray for us.—Luther A. and C.E. Richard.

We are opening fire on Satan's host with a smaller army than Gideon's was and smaller faith than David's was, and sinful Goliath is as large here as he was when he defied Israel, but the Sword of the Lord and of Gideon is as quick and powerful as when the Midianites were put to flight. Pray for the success of the revival here. We are alone.—E. E. Malone, Simmons, Tex.

I am asking the saints of God to please pray that my health will be restored to me. About nine weeks ago I took cold and it settled in my lungs. I have had a bad cough since which has caused my lung to be very painful. Sometimes I don't feel like I can bear it much longer if the Lord doesn't undertake for me. I have the Holy Ghost

and am trusting the good Lord with my body. I belong to the dear old Church of God. Pray that the Lord will have His way with me.—Mrs. Docia Tindale, Otter Creek, Fla.

HEALED BY POWER DIVINE

Dear saints everywhere, I praise God for healing my body. My nose hasn't bled bad since the seventh day of last May and the growth that was in it is almost entirely gone and my nerves are so much better. My health is greatly improved. I lost weight from one hundred sixty-three pounds to one hundred thirty-eight but I suppose I'll weigh one hundred fifty pounds now. The Lord has been so wonderful to me, bless His good name. No one knows how it has been with me, and to thank Him enough, I can't.

I haven't used but three doses of medicine. I have fully trusted the Lord with all my sufferings without doctors or medicines except those three doses. Thank God for a Savior and Healer.

A spider or bee stung my arm and the Lord healed that. He let my baby live when he had whooping cough. I was afraid his nose would bleed him to death but God answered prayers. He healed my boy not long ago of a touch of pneumonia and side pleurisy. My oldest boy's toe healed nicely without taking blood poison. I also thank the Lord for not taking my husband's life and letting him die in sin when he had a head operation a few weeks ago.

It would make my testimony too long to tell all the Lord has done for me, but I do want to say I am glad I ever found this blessed holy way and that I am still a member of the dear old Church of God. I am saved, sanctified and filled with heaven's good Holy Ghost.

Saints, help me pray for my sinful husband that he will get saved and will want to go to church and not be against God's way. Pray for me to stay true.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Nellie Sexton, Rock Hill, S. C.

BATTLE IN A NEW FIELD

We are at Silver Creek, Miss. in a battle. This is a new place for the Church of God. The Lord is blessing, people are stirred. Please help us pray. I believe there are great prospects for the Church of God here. Brother D. A. Sanders is in charge.—Mary L. Tidwell.

STATE MEETINGS**S. C. CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION**

Greenville, S. C., July 18-29
H. L. Whittington, Overseer

WYOMING STATE CONVENTION

Sheridan, Wyo., July 18-22
S. M. Pearson, Overseer

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION

Pratt City, Ala., July 19-22
W. W. Harmon, Overseer

OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING

Maud, Okla., July 27

OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION

Maud, Okla., Aug. 3-5
S. J. Wood, Overseer

NEW MEXICO CAMP MEETING

Carlsbad, N. Mex., Aug. 12-19
M. E. Drake, Overseer

KANSAS-MISSOURI CONVENTION

Bonne Terre, Mo., Aug. 23-26
W. J. Milligan, Overseer

VIRGINIA CAMP MEETING

Pulaski, Va., July 26-Aug. 5
I. H. Brabson, Overseer

ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION

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TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

Aug. 10-12, Weatherford, Tex.

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HEALED OF T. B. — ENJOYING GOOD HEALTH

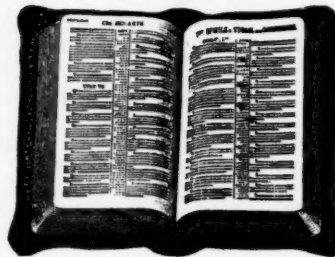
ALEXANDER, Ark.—Mr. L. G. Rouse. Dear brother in Christ: I

just thought I would write you a few lines to let you know I am still rejoicing and praising the Lord for the healing I received of T. B. Nov. 11, 1933. Praise the good Lord! I am now enjoying good health and I am getting stronger every day.

I have not received the baptism

of the Holy Ghost but I want you to pray that I will soon. I will close hoping you are enjoying good health and that God's richest blessings will rest upon you. Pray for us all.—Your sister in Christ, Alma Ledbetter.

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Christ is tempted. He beginneth to preach. ST. MATTHEW, 4, 5.

13 ¶ Then cometh Jē'sus *from Gāl'ilee to Jōr'dan unto Jōhn to be baptized of him.
14 But Jōhn forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?
15 And Jē'sus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to *fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.
16 And *Jē'sus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw *the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:
17 And *lo a voice from heaven, saying, *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

A. D. 26.

CHAP. 4.

* ch. 5. 22.

* Dan. 9. 24.

* Mark 1. 10.

* Isa. 11. 2.

* Luke 3. 22.

* John 1. 32.

* John 12. 28.

* Ps. 2. 7.

* Isa. 42. 1.

* Luke 9. 35.

* Col. 1. 13.

CHAP. 4.

13 And leaving Nāz'a-rēth, he came and dwelt in Cā-pēr-nā-ūm, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zāb'u-lon and Nēph'thā-īm:
14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by E-sā'as the prophet, saying,
15 The *land of Zāb'u-lon, and the land of Nēph'thā-īm, by the way of the sea, beyond Jōr'dan, Gāl'ilee of the Gēn'tiles;
16 The *people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.
17 ¶ From *that time Jē'sus began to preach, and to say, *Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
18 ¶ And *Jē'sus, walking by the

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